

REMARKS

By this amendment, claim 1, 4, 7, 9-15 are is revised, new claims 18-22 are added, and arguments are made to place this application in condition for allowance. Currently, claims 1, 4, and 6-15 are before the Examiner for consideration on their merits.

In review, claim 1 is revised to better define the invention and particularly the features of the means for cover. Claims 4, 9, 10, 11, 13, and 14 are revised to remove the "e.g.", "preferably" or "i.e." language. The dependent claims are also revised to be consistent with the changes made to claim 1 and address other instances of indefiniteness.

Applicant submits that the rejection of the claims has a number of errors that require its withdrawal. Due to the extensive prosecution of this application, Applicant requests a formal and personal interview with the Examiner and her supervisor prior to issuance of the next Office Action. Since this amendment is being filed with an RCE and the expected time that the Examiner would pick up the action is dependent on the Examiner's docket, Applicant's attorney will contact the Examiner to determine an appropriate time for the interview based on the Examiner's workload.

If the Examiner picks up the application prior to hearing from the undersigned for examination, the Examiner is respectfully requested to telephone the undersigned so that the aforementioned interview can be conducted.

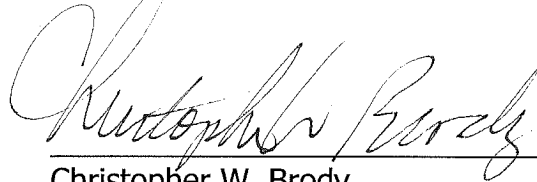
Again, reconsideration and allowance of this application is respectfully requested.

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A petition for a one month extension of time is made. Payment is made as part of the electronic filing of this paper.

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Respectfully submitted,
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